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MANUFACTURING OF EQUIPMENTS FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND RESCUE OPERATIONS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan to manufacture equipments which can be used in the relief work after natural calamities, such as earthquake;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take foreign assistance or foreign participation in the manufacturing of such equipments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said equipments are likely to be manufactured?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a)& (b): Sir, Heavy Earthmoving equipments, cranes etc. required for relief work are already being manufactured in India.R&D efforts have also been initiated to develop new systems, especially, which can help in detection of people buried under debris.

(c),(d)&(e): Following the Bhuj earthquake of January 26, 2001, a national committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon`ble Prime Minister on Disaster Management.Apart from the other issues, the Committee has been tasked to suggest short, medium and long-term steps for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction etc. including issues relating to developing new technologies for manufacture of rescue and relief related equipment, with or without foreign assistance and foreign participation.